# National Transportation Safety Board FACTUAL REPORT AVIATION

NTSB ID: LAX04LA251 Aircraft Registration Number: N110U

Occurrence Date: 06/28/2004 Most Critical Injury: None

Occurrence Type: Accident Investigated By: NTSB

Location/Time

Nearest City/Place
Perris
State
CA
Zip Code
Local Time
PDT

Time Zone
PDT

Airport Proximity: Off Airport/Airstrip Distance From Landing Facility:

Aircraft Information Summary

Aircraft Manufacturer Model/Series Type of Aircraft

SOCATA TB-20 Airplane

Revenue Sightseeing Flight: No Air Medical Transport Flight: No

#### Narrative

Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:

HISTORY OF FLIGHT

On June 28, 2004, at 1439 Pacific daylight time, a Socata TB-20, N110U, collided with a berm during a forced landing following a total loss of engine power during cruise flight near Perris, California. The pilot/owner was operating the airplane under the provisions of 14 CFR Part 91. The private pilot and four passengers were not injured. The airplane sustained substantial damage. The personal cross-country flight departed French Valley Airport, Murrieta, California, about 1400, with a planned destination of Reno, Nevada. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed, and a flight plan had not been filed. The wreckage was at 33 degrees 48 minutes north latitude and 117 degrees 25 minutes west longitude.

During a telephone interview with a National Transportation Safety Board investigator, the pilot stated that after the initial climb, he leveled the airplane out at 10,500 feet mean sea level (msl). While configuring the airplane for cruise flight, he scanned the cockpit gauges and noticed that the oil pressure needle was in the yellow-green arc transition area, indicating a loss of pressure. He also noted that the oil warning light was flickering intermittently. He opted to return back to French Valley and contacted Ontario Approach advising them of his new itinerary. About 5 minutes after the call, the engine started to vibrate, and subsequently seized, making a loud bang. Smoke emitted from the engine and entered the cockpit area.

The pilot further reported that the airplane began to descend about 1,000 feet per minute, and he selected a dirt field to perform an emergency landing. During the landing roll, the airplane impacted a berm; the nose gear collapsed, and the airplane came to rest on its nose. After egressing the airplane, the pilot measured the landing ground scar to be about 1,100 feet. The airplane incurred damage to the nose gear and the left wing.

#### PERSONNEL INFORMATION

The pilot reported that during the 90-day period preceding the accident, he had flown about 16 hours, all of which were in the accident airplane. His cumulative flying experience totaled 1,018 hours, of which 919 where in the same make and model airplane. The pilot's last flight review was satisfactorily accomplished in the accident airplane on September, 21, 2003.

#### AIRPLANE INFORMATION

The engine was a Lycoming IO-540-C4D5D, serial number L-22959-48A. In the Lycoming Operator's Manual, the indicated oil sump capacity for the engine is 12 quarts, with the minimum safe quantity in the sump 4 quarts. It also stated that the normal operating oil pressure should be at maximum 90 pounds per square inch (psi) and at minimum 60 psi.

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TESTS AND RESEARCH

Oil Leak Documentation.

Safety Board investigators and an investigator from Textron Lycoming, who was a party to the investigation, conducted an engine examination at Aircraft Recovery Services, Littlerock, California. The tachometer revealed a total time of 1,782.15.

Investigators attempted to drain residual oil from the engine's oil sump, but recovered no oil. They examined the engine and its accessories in an effort locate the source of the oil leak.

The engine's crankcase was cracked in numerous locations, with a hole about 3/4 inch in diameter located at the top of the crankcase, near the number 2 cylinder. Oil residue was sporadically dispersed on the exterior of the engine and on the accessory case. Investigators found no evidence of broken or disconnected hoses. The top of the engine cowling showed a concentration of oil near the firewall on the left side, which is the approximate location of the vacuum pump.

Removal of the vacuum pump, revealed an oily film on its gasket, part number AS3491-01 (seated between the vacuum pump flange and the engine accessory case flange). The film coated the lower portion of both sides of the gasket (see photographs showing the gasket). Also noted were small pieces of foreign debris on both the surface of the gasket and vacuum pump flange.

Logbooks and Maintenance History.

A review of the airplane's logbooks revealed that the vacuum pump had been installed at a tachometer time of 1,781.6, about 0.5 hours prior to the accident.

A Safety Board investigator interviewed, by telephone, an airplane mechanic at French Valley Aviation, Murrieta, the Federal Aviation Administration certified maintenance facility that performed the installation of the vacuum pump. The mechanic reported that he installed the pump with the gasket that was supplied with the pump.

The manufacturer of the vacuum pump, Rapco, Inc., supplies a gasket (part number AS3491-01) with their pump. In the TB-20 parts manual, the airplane manufacturer specifies that the gasket required is part number Z00.N7423254013, which they cross-reference with Textron Lycoming part number 8313. Despite numerous attempts, a Safety Board investigator was unable to cross-reference the gasket AS3491-01 with gasket 8313.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Safety Board investigator released the airplane wreckage to Aircraft Recovery Services on July 8, 2004.

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Landing Facility/Approach Info	rmation										
Airport Name Airp				Airport Elevation	Run	way Used	Runwa	unway Length		nway Width	
				Ft. MSL	NA						
Runway Surface Type: Unknown		<u> </u>					<u> </u>				
Runway Surface Condition: Unknow	'n										
Approach/Arrival Flown: NONE											
VFR Approach/Landing: Forced Lan	nding										
Aircraft Information											
Aircraft Manufacturer			Model/						Number		
SOCATA			TB-20	)				595			
Airworthiness Certificate(s): Normal											
Landing Gear Type: Retractable - T	ricycle										
Amateur Built Acft? No N	Built Acft? No Number of Seats: 5 Certified Max Gross Wt. 3100 LBS Number						of Engines: 1				
=				Engine Manufacturer: Model/Series: Lycoming IO-540-C4D5D						ted Power: 60 HP	
- Aircraft Inspection Information											
Type of Last Inspection	Date	Date of Last Inspection			nce Last Insp	/	Airframe Total Time				
Annual 11				11/2003			32 Ho	ours		1750 Hours	
- Emergency Locator Transmitter (EL	T) Information			•				•			
ELT Installed?/Type Yes /		ELT	Operat	ed? Yes	ELT Aid	ded in Locatin	g Accide	ent Site?	No		
Owner/Operator Information											
Registered Aircraft Owner			Street A	ddress 3030 Dulles D	)r						
								Zip Code			
			Mira Loma							91752	
Operator of Aircraft		S	Street A	ddress 3030 Dulles D	\r						
Schaeffer Industries City State Zip Code								Zip Code			
Contaction industries				Mira Loma		CA	91752				
Operator Does Business As:		-			0	perator Desig	nator Co	de:			
- Type of U.S. Certificate(s) Held: No	ne										
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s):											
Operating Certificate:				Operator Certific	cate:						
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: F	Part 91: General Avi	ation									
Type of Flight Operation Conducted: I	Personal										
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First Pilot Information														
Name City State Date of Birth Age										Age				
On File On							File				On File	On	File	50
Sex: M Seat Occupied: Left Occupational Pilot? Business										Certifi	cate Nun	nber:	On File	
Certificate(s): Private														
Airplane Rating(s): Single-engine Land														
Rotorcraft/Glider/LTA: None														
Instrument Rating(s): None														
Instructor Rating(s): None														
Current Biennial Flight Review? 09/2003														
Medical Cert.: Class 2 Medical Cert. Status: Valid Medicalw/ waivers/lim. Date of Last Medical Exam: 09/2003														
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- Flight Tim	ne Matrix	All A/C This Make Airplane Airplane Night Single Engine Mult-Engine		In Actual	Instrument tual Simulated		Rotorcraft		Glider	Lighter Than Air				
Total Time		1018	919	1018			92			37	7			
Pilot In Cor	nmand(PIC)	934	911	934			81					_		
Instructor						-	_				_	_		
Instruction		40	40	40							-	$\dashv$		
Last 90 Day		16 2	16 2	16 2			2				-			
Last 30 Day												_		
	atbelt Used? Yes Shoulder Harness Used? Yes Toxicology Performed? No Second Pilot? No													
Flight Plan/Itinerary														
Type of Flight Plan Filed: None														
Departure Point State Airport Identifier Departure Time Time Zone									Time Zone					
							PDT							
Destination State Airport Identifier														
Reno NV RNO														
Type of Clearance: VFR Flight Following														
Type of Airspace: Class E														
Weather	Information													
Source of Wx Information:														
No record of briefing														
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Weather	Information											
WOF ID	Observation Time	Time Zone	WOF Eleva	WOF Elevation WOF Distance From Ad			n Accid	dent Site		Direction Fi	Direction From Accident Site	
RAL	1453	PDT	826 F	t. MSL				NM			De	g. Mag.
Sky/Lowes	et Cloud Condition: Clear					Ft. AG	3L	Condition o	f Ligh	nt: Day		
Lowest Ce	iling: None		F	t. AGL	Visibi	lity:	9	SM	Alti	meter:	29.91	"Hg
Temperatu	ıre: 26 °C [	Dew Point:	14 °C	Weath	ner Condi	tions at Acc	ident S	site: Visual (	Conc	ditions		
Wind Direc	ction: 290	Wind Speed	d: 12		Winc	d Gusts:						
Visibility (R	RVR): Ft.	Visibility (R'	VV)	SM								
Precip and	I/or Obscuration:											
^ ssident	Information											
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Aircraft Damage: Substantial			Aircraft Fi	Aircraft Fire: None				Aircraft Exp	losio	n None		
- Injury Sur	mmary Matrix	Fatal Se	erious Min	ıor	None	TOTAL						
First Pil	lot				1	1						
Second	d Pilot						]					
Student	t Pilot						]					
Flight Ir	nstructor						1					
Check F	Pilot						1					
Flight E	Engineer						1					
Cabin A	Attendants						1					
Other C	Crew						1					
Passen	igers				4	4	.]					
- TOTAL A	ABOARD -				5	5	1					
Other G	Ground						1					
- GRAND	O TOTAL -				5	5	:1					
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